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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Hong Kong Bureau Monthly Report for June 1981

I. GENERAL

1. Haig Visit: Secretary Haig's Hong Kong stopover en route to Beijing on 12 and 13 June gave Consulate employees the rare chance to see him in person. At a specially organized meeting with U.S. and FN staffers, the Secretary expressed his gratitude to those serving the United States abroad and made general remarks about his trip to China. His and his entourage's brief "rest stop" in Hong Kong went off without incident, thanks to the all-out effort of virtually the entire Consulate.

2. Open House: The bureau and the four other government agencies in the Hopewell Centre held an open house on the 19th for all Consulate employees, enabling us to share our view from the 57th floor with our "lower level" comrades and to show them our operations first hand. The more than 100 guests seemed appreciative, both of the view and the free eats.

II. OPERATIONS

1. Xinhua Service: It appears that the bureau's direct receipt of Xinhua domestic service is finally on the verge of being realized. The contract with Xinhua has been agreed on and signed, and on the 29th, the telephone company installed the necessary line. We only await now the delivery and hook-up of the printer itself. This we expect to occur within a day or two.

2. Hopewell TV Reception: Our rooftop antenna allowed us this month for the first time to process live from the bureau PRC television coverage of two important news events, the Soong Ching-ling funeral on the 3d and the closing of the 6th plenary session of the CCP Central Committee on the 29th. Before coming to Hopewell, to cover live reception of PRC television required a special trip to Cable & Wireless by the TV monitor. There he would take notes on what was of interest and return to the bureau to write up the item, a time-consuming and awkward procedure. The good reception that we now obtain at the bureau has now obviated this.

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3. New Titles: June saw the addition of two new titles to the bureau coverage and the loss of one. The long heralded Beijing English-language newspaper, the CHINA DAILY, finally made its appearance on the 1st. Likewise, the publisher of CHENGMING, a Hong Kong leftist monthly that provides lively insider reports on PRC affairs, is now issuing a daily. Both CHINA DAILY and the CHENGMING daily have proved productive of unique items. TUNGHSIANG, another Hong Kong leftist monthly and a virtual twin of CHENGMING monthly, ceased publication with the inauguration of CHENGMING daily, reportedly so their staff could assist with the new publication.

4. Backup Antenna: [] reception survey early in the month using the recently erected backup whip antenna showed that we could hear most of our current radio coverage from Hopewell if the remote system were to go out. Only Chengdu and Baguio were completely unmonitorable. STAT

III. Personnel

1. Headquarters Visit: Hong Kong Bureau was pleased to learn this month that Monitor Specialist [] had been selected to visit Headquarters in September. Cathy came to FBIS in October 1977 via the Consulate Press Monitoring Unit. Prior to joining the PMU in 1975, she had worked as a translator/editor with Union Research for 7 years. This will be her first trip to the States. STAT

2. Certificate of Distinction: Electronics technician [] was the honored guest at a bureau ice cream party on the 5th when he was presented with a certificate of distinction signed by the director of FBIS and a U.S.\$400 check for his outstanding work in helping to move the bureau to Hopewell Centre in January. To show his gratitude [] later spent a good part of his award in treating the bureau staff to a dim sum lunch. STAT *good man!*

3. Teletype QSI: Teletype operator [] has been awarded a well-deserved quality step increase for his long and faithful service to FBIS. Prior to coming with FBIS in 1976, Henry worked 12 years in Laos and Hong Kong for Air America as a radio operator. STAT

4. Monitor Promotion: Monitor [] received a promotion to FSN 8 this month after successful completion of her initial training period. STAT

5. Recruiting: We have recruited the first candidate, a teletype operator, to fill the one of the ten additional positions for which we recently received approval. The new man is in processing, and we hope to have him working by mid-July. We are focusing in the beginning on filling the teletypist and associate editor positions, as punching and editing seem to be our most troublesome bottlenecks for the moment. STAT

6. New Monitor: Monitorial candidate [] will report for duty on 6 July. [] was an English teacher in Guilin before emigrating to Hong Kong in 1978. STAT

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IV. VISITS

To the Bureau:

1. [] the latter from PMCD, 12-16 June
2. [] 18-21 June
3. William Rope, State Country Director for Chinese affairs, 19 June
4. Ross Rodgers, political officer, Consulate General/Guangzhou, 19 June
5. [] Bangkok Bureau assistant engineer, 26 June

From the Bureau:

1. [] Bangkok Bureau, 29 June (via Bali and Singapore)

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

Attachments:

- A. Production
 - B. List of Equipment Received
- cc: Org. + 3 Hqs.
Chief, Okinawa and Seoul Bureaus
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